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Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejection

Claims 14 to 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as anticipated by St. Clair.

St. Clair shows a golf bag and golf cart carrier attached to the rear of an automobile¹⁰ having a rear deck or trunk lid 12. (See col. 3, lines 40 to 43).

Claim 14 recites "a mountable device for *a golf car* comprising:

a frame for placement in a bag bay of the golf car, *the frame having a frame section contacting a bottom of the bag bay.*"

St. Clair does not disclose a mountable device for a golf car, but rather for an automobile. Moreover, no part of any frame in St. Clair contacts a bottom of a bag bay of a golf car as claimed in claim 14.

With further respect to claim 18, it is not understood what is asserted as the mount bracket, but clearly no mount bracket with a claw is found in St. Clair.

With further respect to claim 23, there is no teaching that the asserted hitching devices extend over the bumper, and certainly not over a bumper of a golf car.

With further respect to claim 25, St. Clair does not teach this limitation.

With respect to independent claim 26, claim 26 recites a "mountable device for a golf car comprising:

a frame for placement in a bag bay of the golf car, a frame section contacting a bottom of the bag bay."

St. Clair device is not for a golf car and does not have a frame section contacting a bottom of a bag bay.

With respect to independent claim 27, claim 27 recites a "mountable device for a golf car comprising: a frame for placement in the bag bay of the golf car." The St. Clair device is not for a golf car and does not have a frame for placement in a bag bay.

Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 102 rejection is thus respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejection

Claims 27 to 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over Casady '746 in

view of Tang '031.

Cassidy shows arms 29, 30 which support a golf bag which rests in the bag bay. Tang shows golf bag carriers with wheels.

Claim 27 recites "a first detachable device connected to the first hitching device, the first detachable device having at least one first wheel for contacting ground and the first hitching device supporting an entire weight of the first detachable device when the first wheel is off the ground."


The golf bag of Cassidy by necessity rests in the golf bag bay and even if combinable with Tang (which is seems it would not be), the bottom of the Tang device clearly would rest partially on the golf bag bay bottom. Neither Cassidy not Tang show any "hitching device supporting an entire weight" of the asserted detachable device, since the weight bearing in Cassidy is split between the golf bag bay and the arms, (and it appears most of the weight rests on the golf bag bay and is not carried by the arms).

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 to claim 27 and its dependent claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,
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